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Abstract

Automation Device and Method for Operating Said Device

The invention relates to an automation device (12, 14) such as a memory programmable controller, comprising a control unit (20), which performs operations involving the transmitting and/or receiving of data from peripheral units (30), during a period of operation for the automation device (12, 14). To enable evaluation of the effective use of an automation device, the automation device (12, 14) is equipped with a module (32) for registering the amount of operating time and/or the operations performed by the automation device (12, 14), and the module (32) is coupled to an evaluation unit (38, 46) for calculating a user fee, accrued by the user for use of the automation device (12, 14).